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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY-"OPERATION SANTA"  
FINAL ENFORCEMENT and ACCIDENT STATS

The Connecticut State Police continue the enforcement program designed to enhance public safety on all of our highways and roadways in Connecticut. In addition to the regular patrol responsibilities State Troopers are concentrating patrol and enforcement efforts on roads and highways where crashes occur where alcohol is involved.

The following data is an overview of accident investigations that were conducted and enforcement action that is taking during operation "S.A.N.T.A." (STOP ANOTHER NEEDLESS TRAGIC ACCIDENT).

These State Police stats are from 12:01 a.m. on 12/24/04 and continued to 12/26/04 at MIDNIGHT (2400 Hrs)

TOTAL ACCIDENTS — 377

Fatal crashes — 1

Injury crashes — 63

Non-injury crashes — 313

ENFORCEMENT TOTAL

Speeding 93

Seatbelt 18

Drunk Driving arrests 24

As the New Year Holiday approaches and celebrations are being planned State Police remind motorists not to mix alcohol with driving of a vehicle. Connecticut State Police will be out in force over this holiday. Any motorist who sees a suspected drunk driver should report it immediately this is a true emergency. Contact the police on 911. Be our eyes and ears out there. This will enhance highway safety and keep everyone safe.

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